

Congresswoman visits brother to bag Peru chief

LIMA (R) — Congresswoman... posters in hand, a... Friday jumped from... controversial family programme. Mr... whose July 28 speech reiterated his pro-family planning... embroiled in a... catholic church leaders... controversy is not new. Diaz, who campaigned... office this year, was handing out condoms... flashing a red 13 tape... bottom for her... the ballot. "I've come... away condoms and... promote family planning... Ms. Diaz told... employees and reporters... plaud President... message on family... and I'm also going... tinue this campaign... said, adding that she's... away posters in... and talk with... issues. Ms. Diaz... her to the... in the shadows of... Peru's most impo... She has visited before... tribute conditions at... her own AIDS... campaign, but this... brought family plann... and brochure... group of reporters. "Susi Diaz comes to... because we also... her," said a 23-... prostitute named... support the family... policy because... many children are... It's not good to... children poorly... two children well."

World's 1st 'gene shop' to open in Manchester

LONDON (AFP) — world's first "gene offering advice and... on a variety of... disorders, it is to... Chester next year, a...ian newspaper a... Saturday. The... brainchild of... head of clinical pat... Royal Maud... dren's Hospital — it... like a... bureau and will dis... latest international... the paper said. It... could provide adv... for genetic disease... as Down's syndrome,... fibrosis, sickle cell... and forms of... bowel cancer, acor... the daily. It will also... information on the... smoking, alcohol and... age on its screen. It... will encourage... find out more about... genes — perhaps her... family history of... ease." Mr. Super... Guardian. "The more... know about... orders, the better... are to make decisions... avoiding them." In... The shop has been... a grant from the... Commission and is... to remain open for... months, the paper... said.

Yemen postpones OIC meeting

ADEN (R) — Yemen on Saturday said a meeting of Islamic foreign ministers to discuss the plight of fellow Muslims in Bosnia had been postponed because of the lack of a quorum, the official SABA news agency reported. The agency quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying 21 out of the 52 members of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) had responded favourably to attend the meeting which was scheduled to take place on Aug. 26.

Turkey asks S. Arabia to stop executions

RIYADH (R) — A Turkish envoy gave Saudi Arabia a message from President Suleyman Demirel on Sunday, urging Riyadh to stop the executions of 20 Turkish nationals convicted of drug trafficking, diplomats said. Neval Valintas, an envoy of Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, handed the message for King Fahd to Crown Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz calling for the detained Turks to be freed, Turkish diplomats said. Earlier, Saudi Arabia said it had rejected a previous appeal from Mr. Demirel for the authorities to halt the beheadings of 20 Turks sentenced to death and accused Ankara of interfering in its internal affairs. The official Saudi newspaper Al Ryad said Sunday that "it is not possible to change the law of Islam, whatever the external pressure, the challenges or confrontations. Isse related story on page 2).

Rabin: No use probing war crimes

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected calls Sunday by cabinet ministers to investigate allegations of Israeli war crimes against Egyptian prisoners of war (POWs), saying both sides were guilty of transgressions. "I am not saying there were no aberrations," Mr. Rabin was quoted by the Israeli news agency Itim as telling ministers. "There were aberrations on both sides. There is no purpose in raising events of the past, not on our side and not on theirs. I think that raising the issue embarrasses the Arab side as well." Reeling from two weeks of claims that Israeli soldiers killed prisoners and civilians in at least three Mideast wars (see page 2), ministers argued Sunday about how best to handle the situation. Communications Minister Shulman Aloni called on Mr. Rabin to come clean on Israeli war crimes. "We must deal with this," Mr. Aloni said, speaking on Israel Radio. "The government and then the education system... must say their piece so it will not end up that on the outside we are moral, better than the non-Jews, but then we sweep things under the carpet."

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Iraq planned to invade Kuwait, S. Arabia this month — defector

Jordan had no prior knowledge of defection, was surprised by it, Hussein Kamel affirms

By Jamal Hababy
The Associated Press

public comment since a press conference in Amman on Aug. 12.

AMMAN — A top-ranking Iraqi defected said Sunday his defection had foiled plans by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to invade Kuwait and Saudi Arabia this month.

"The latest movement of a large number of troops towards Basra was aimed at entering Kuwait. All army units were informed to enter Kuwait and the eastern parts of Saudi Arabia," he said.

"All (top) members of the Iraqi Baath Party were aware of the plans."

Gen. Hassan, Iraq's industry minister and head of the country's clandestine weapons programme, was granted asylum in Jordan after his Aug. 8 defection along with his brother Saddam Kamel, their wives, both daughters of President Sad-

"His father is aware of

dam Hussein, a cousin and about 15 soldiers.

His revelation appeared to confirm U.S. reports of "unusual" Iraqi troop movements.

The U.S. has reinforced its military presence in the Gulf to thwart potential Iraqi threat to Kuwait and Jordan.

Gen. Hassan, who is in his early 40s, said he defected because he "could not continue to tolerate the oppression of the Iraqi people and the savagery of the regime."

Gen. Hassan said the King had no prior knowledge of the defection. "It took them by surprise," he said of the Jordanians. "I was not in any contact with any side,

whether Arab, international, American or otherwise before I left Iraq."

"I entered Jordan with no prior notice," he said. "I met with His Majesty and told him that I wanted to stay in Jordan under his protection."

The former brains behind Iraq's secret weapons programme said he did not expect to have anything new to reveal about Iraq's clandestine arms if he meets with U.N. envoy Kolf Ekeus, who is widely expected to travel to Jordan.

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Iraq revealed 'important' arms data, Ekeus reports

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq has handed over important data on its weapons programmes after a dispute over a taxi-cab licence plate between the victim who bought the plate and the seller. The licence plate is a prerequisite for any taxi-cab to operate in Jordan. Further details were not immediately available.

Musa delays trip

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said on Sunday he was delaying a visit to Jordan because his Jordanian counterpart was unwell. Mr. Musa told journalists his trip, which had been scheduled for Monday, would go ahead a few days later than originally planned once Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabir was fully recovered. He gave no further details. An official Jordanian source said on Saturday Mr. Musa had been expected to discuss the defection of senior Iraqi officials to Amman as well as the Middle East peace process.

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Saudi beheadings dent strength of Turkish Islamists

By Alistair Bell

Reuter

ANKARA — Outrage over the beheading of four Turks in Saudi Arabia is damaging the Islamist movement in Muslim but officially secular Turkey, political analysts said.

The executions, carried out for drug smuggling under the Saudi interpretation of Islamic Sharia law, are being held up by secularists and a sensationalist Turkish press as an example of what could be in store for Turkey if Islamists are not halted.

"These incidents show once again that we have to protect the secular republic," Deputy Prime Minister Hikmet Cetin told relatives of some of the 40 Turks still facing execution in Saudi Arabia.

Big advances by the Islam-based Welfare Party in local elections last year awoke secular fears of a return to Sharia in Turkey, scrapped in the 1920s in Westernising reforms.

Welfare has not specifically said it will implement Islamic law if it came to power, and its control of Ankara and Istanbul, won at the 1994 polls, has meant little change in city life.

But the party's critics suspect welfare conceals ambitions to convert Turkey into a strict Islamic state.

"The executions have been highly negative for them. On the one hand they say there's no justification in Islam for it, but on the other hand they're not getting up and protesting," said Tevfik Kizginayak of the secularist Ataturk Pbilosophy Society.

Welfare deputy leader Abdullah Gul told Reuters it was wrong to see the executions as the will of Islam. Party leader Necmettin Erbakan has said he will write to Saudi King Fahd pleading for mercy for the remaining Turks.

The party says Mr. Erbakan in the past successfully

intervened through Islamic contacts in the kingdom to save a Turk facing execution.

Protesters in Kilis, the conservative hometown of two of the beheaded Turks, burned a Saudi flag and shouted slogans denouncing Sharia at a demonstration last week.

Turkish media have led public anger at the execution of the Turks, convicted for smuggling an aphrodisiac drug.

Newspapers have printed gory photographs of Saudi beheadings and mutilations in Somalia as a warning of what they call the horrors of Sharia.

One daily published a cartoon of an executioner dressed in Arab robes with Welfare's initials written on them about to decapitate a victim symbolising Turkish secularism.

Analysts said the anti-Saudi atmosphere may help Prime Minister Tansu Ciller win back some of the support her right-wing party is believed to have lost to Welfare.

"I'm very impressed by the way the government is manipulating the media. It does put Welfare in a difficult position," one Western diplomat said.

Welfare's 38 deputies were Ms. Ciller's most implacable opponents in her recent attempts to liberalise the military-era constitution.

Ms. Ciller hailed the eventual approval of the changes last month as a victory over Islamist extremists.

Turkish Islamists say their opponents are taking advantage of the Saudi executions to portray them in a bad light.

"Maybe a despotic administration has (approved the beheadings) too quickly and without investigating thoroughly. But a sector of the Turkish media is using them as a vehicle to attack the Islamic religion," the Islamist daily Zaman said.

Palestinians in Hebron get little water as settlers swim in pools

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered the military government in the West Bank to find an immediate solution Sunday to a water shortage that has left Palestinian homes in Hebron without running water.

Residents of the city, said 70 per cent of the homes had no running water and that there was a one-week wait to receive water from city trucks.

Palestinian youth drew water from wells and carried plastic buckets to their homes Sunday, while truckers hauled water around the city and selling for as much as 130 shekels (about \$40) for two cubic metres.

For sure we are making lots of money," said truck driver Younis Asfour.

The water shortage has been going on all summer,

but first drew the attention of Israelis over the weekend, when television contrasted scenes of dried-up pipes and truckers scalping water with pictures of Jewish settlers in nearby Kiryat Arba swimming in pools and tending lush gardens.

"Water hasn't reached my house for two months," said vegetable peddler Fahime Abu Sneneh, a father of seven. "Everything is for the settlers and we have to suffer."

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natcheh accused the Israelis of taking more than their share of the water and of charging Palestinians 20 times more than the settlers for the water.

Israeli water officials said Israel was supplying Hebron with 10,000 cubic metres of water daily, but that half of that was lost due to leaks and thefts.

They blamed the shortage on mismanagement by Palestinian city officials.

"Water is coming to Hebron, but the problem is the network there, the distribution," Amos Epstein, director of the Mekorot Water company, told Israel radio.

Cabinet ministers demanded Sunday that something be done to alleviate the problem.

"We as lords are acting in a brutal and ethnocentric way," said Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni. "What we are seeing is horrifying. I hope that our people who are responsible for the water will understand that there are things that are forbidden even when you are a Jewish conqueror."

The tug-of-war over water, the Middle East's most precious resource is one of the most difficult issues left

in the Israel-Palestinian talks on expanding Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

Israel gets more than a third of their water from the occupied West Bank and insists on keeping control over springs there even after Palestinian autonomy begins. The Palestinians want water sources to be handed over to them.

"The best solution is for us to kick out the settlers so we can have our water and land and live freely," said Munther Muhtaseb, a 31-year-old college administrator in Hebron.

Mayor Natcheh said the 80,000 residents needed two and a half times the amount the Israelis were giving them today. He said \$70,000 has been invested in repairing the pipes since May and that the city was seeking donations from Italy to continue the work.

Russians to start work at Bushehr plant this year

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Russian experts will begin construction work on Iran's Bushehr nuclear complex within three months, Moscow's deputy atomic energy minister reportedly said Sunday.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted Yevgeny Reshenkov as saying midway through a one-week visit to Iran that preliminary technical studies "will soon be completed."

Also Sunday, Iran's ambassador to Moscow, Mehd'i Safari, told the English-language Iran News that a total of 4,000 Russians are working in Iran on different projects.

He also predicted that the current level of \$800 million worth of Russian-Iranian trade would soar due to cooperation agreements such as the nuclear deal and joint oil projects envisioned in the Gulf and the Caspian Sea.

Uganda reports attacks by Sudan-based rebels

KAMPALA (R) — Thousands of people have fled from villages near the Sudan-Uganda border in northwestern Uganda after anti-government rebels attacked from bases in Sudan, a Ugandan state-owned newspaper reported Sunday.

The Sunday Vision paper said in a front-page report that the rebels launched aerial and land attacks on border villages in Koboko district with bombs and heavy artillery fire last week.

The attack was blamed on a new rebel group, the West Nile Bank Front (WNBF), which is led by Colonel Juma Oris, who was a commander in former dictator Idi Amin's army in the 1970s.

Residents fled with their belongings to Koboko town, 19 kilometres from the border, the newspaper said. It gave no casualty figures and said the rebels were being helped by Sudan government

troops. Sunday Vision also reported heavy fighting between Sudanese troops and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which has been fighting a guerrilla war for the last 13 years. The rebels were fleeing pursuing government forces, it added.

Mr. Amin, who ruled from 1971 to 1979 but is now living in exile in Saudi Arabia, was linked to the new rebel group in May, when it was reported to be recruiting men in north-west Uganda. Newspapers said the WNBF was being backed by Zaire and Sudan, and by opposition politicians in the country.

Politicians from the area said Mr. Amin, despite his bloodthirsty reputation, still has a strong following among his own tribesmen in north-west Uganda and among Muslims, who were favoured during his rule.

Disclosures of PoW killings prompt Israeli soul-searching

By Karin Lauh

The Associated Press

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — A soldier kills a prisoner after forcing him to dig his own grave. Two army cooks stab to death three captives. A commander orders his men to shoot at close range two enemy soldiers whose hands are raised in surrender.

Asked who might be capable of such war crimes, just about everyone in Israel would have pointed to a foreign army, but never sought the culprits at home.

That was until this month when long-suppressed wartime accounts poured forth about the killings of Arab prisoners and civilians by Israeli soldiers in at least three Middle East wars.

The disclosures shook Israel, a country of citizen soldiers raised in the belief that they hold the high moral ground on the battlefield with the Arab armies.

Painful questions emerged from the national debate: Why were the atrocities kept secret for so long? How much did Israel's leaders know? Why were war criminals not punished? Should — and

could — they be prosecuted now?

The Egyptians, acting in part to appear a hardline domestic opposition, have demanded an accounting, and Israel's foreign minister has asked the army to prepare a report for Cairo to prevent a further strain in relations.

Controversy also touched some of Israel's leading generals-turned-politicians, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer and Rafael Eitan, a right-wing opposition candidate for prime minister.

Some quickly warned that soul-searching would only undermine national morale. Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon spoke of an "act of national suicide."

But others said that as Israel is making peace with its Arab neighbours, it could well afford a more honest look at the past.

"We always had this fear that we weren't really strong and that we mustn't talk about our weaknesses. But now Israel is more sure of itself, more mature," said historian Benny Morris. "States, like

people, grow up."

Ironically, the army itself, which has remained silent through the affair, set in motion the disclosures when it opened its archives to researchers some two years ago, Mr. Morris said.

One result was a book being written about the 1956 Mideast war, including descriptions of prisoner killings.

This, in turn, led to public admissions this month by retired General Arye Biro — a survivor of the Nazi camps — that he killed 49 Egyptian captives in the Sinai desert.

Several veterans then came forward, saying they witnessed killings of prisoners by Israeli soldiers in 1956 and 1967.

However, the dimensions of the atrocities remain unclear.

One historian said prisoner killings occurred in all of Israel's wars. Another claimed that in 1967 alone, some 1,000 Egyptians were shot dead after surrender.

A new book written by a former colonel and published by the defence ministry revealed that soldiers executed dozens of Palestinian civilians in the 1948 war.

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Australian delegation to lobby in Europe for support against French nuclear tests

CANBERRA (AFP) — A multi-party Australian delegation is to make an eight-month seeking support for opposition to French nuclear tests, a minister said Sunday.

The mission will aim to get backing for "constructive measures" against the planned test series at Mururoa Atoll, including a U.N. general assembly resolution for an immediate ban on all testing, said Gordon Bilney, Pacific Island affairs minister and a leader of the six-member delegation.

France has said it will start a new series of eight tests at the Atoll next month.

The six-member parliamentary delegation will leave Sept. 2 on a visit taking in Bonn, Brussels, London, Paris, the Hague, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Vienna, returning Sept. 17, it was announced.

It would brief governments on a declaration on nuclear testing endorsed at last week's meeting in Brisbane of environment ministers from South Pacific countries, Mr. Bilney said.

"The serious misgivings and profound concerns expressed by the governments represented in Brisbane stem from the significant gaps in data available to the international scientific community and the lack of

candidour and transparency on the part of the French government," he said.

Mr. Bilney called on the French government to meet the Pacific countries' request "for open access by the scientific community to the test zones, and to all scientific data from past tests."

The health of South Pacific islanders should be systematically assessed to measure the impact of French testing, John Best, president of the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine said Sunday.

"There is evidence and anecdotes that there is increasing thyroid cancer in the Pacific," he said in an interview, adding there was a need for "a systematic review of what's going on."

In a letter published in the Medical Journal of Australia, Mr. Best asked doctors to help pay for placing anti-nuclear test advertisements in French newspapers.

The adverts would bring Australia's concerns "as close to the French people as the morning baguette," he said.

Australian and New Zealand doctors have raised only about 14,000 dollars (US\$10,000) towards an estimated 130,000 dollars needed for the advertising

campaign.

Other delegation members are Roger Price and Garry Gibson of the ruling Labour Party, opposition foreign affairs spokesman Alexander Downer of the Liberal Party, former National Party leader Ian Sinclair and Vicki Bourne, foreign affairs spokesperson for the opposition Democrat Party.

Peace Boat denied entry to Senegal port

A Japanese boat cruising the world on an anti-nuclear mission has been denied a port call at Dakar after holding a protest in Marseilles last week. Peace Boat headquarters said here Sunday.

The boat, carrying 350 Japanese members of the non-governmental organisation, was denied permission to dock in the former French colony and banned from entering Senegalese waters, the group said.

Peace Boat said it suspected the denial was linked to a demonstration in Marseilles last week by some 120 cruise members against France's planned nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

The 15,000-tonne Kerevya has continued its four-month cruise with stops in 19 countries, including China, Vietnam, Egypt and Greece, to hold exhibitions on the

atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Peace Boat group had

planned to hold its exhibition in Dakar Aug. 22 and 23 when it was scheduled to

dock in the West African port of Senegal.

The Senegalese govern-

ment denied a request to hold the exhibition, the group said.



Women demonstrate through central Tokyo August 20 protesting China's latest nuclear testing and France's plan of nuclear testing in the South Pacific. More than 7,000 women took part in the anti-nuclear and anti-war demonstrations and rallies in the Japanese capital and Yokohama today, a spokeswoman of the rally organiser said (Reuters photo)

Taiwanese president denounces use of nuclear weapons

TAIPEI (AFP) — Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui on Sunday reaffirmed his rejection of nuclear weapons shortly after calling for an Asia-Pacific security alliance to bolster stability.

Mr. Lee, who is under mounting pressure from China over his attempts to strengthen Taiwan's international image, said "no country in the world will dare use the (nuclear) weapon."

He told a farmers' union conference that countries "which are making it are just afraid that others are making it too," the TVBS cable television station reported.

"Therefore, we would be better off without it," he

added in an apparent reference to a nuclear test last Thursday by China.

Last month, Mr. Lee triggered international concern with a comment to the national assembly that Taiwan might "restudy" its stalled nuclear weapon programme.

He later denied he meant reviving the programme. His comment had come in the midst of a series of Chinese missile tests of the Taiwan coast that caused panic in the nationalist island.

A second series of exercises started last week, also off the northern coast of Taiwan, has heightened security fears, with the Taiwan armed

forces on top alert.

Taiwan on Sunday invited Japan to support Mr. Lee's call for an Asia-Pacific security alliance, the Taipei-based Broadcasting Corporation of China (BCC) reported.

"For the common interest of the two nations we need support from Japan. If the safety of the sea passages in the Taiwan and Baschi channels were hampered, not only we would suffer, but Japan would also suffer too," Shaw Yu-Ming, the sponsor of the Asia Open Forum, was quoted as saying.

The former government spokesman who now heads

the Institution of International Relations, said Taiwan and Japan should work together to install a security system in the region in the face of China's military buildup.

He made the remarks during the closing ceremony of the two-day forum in the southern city of Kaohsiung. Some 130 scholars from Taiwan and Japan attended the meeting.

On Saturday Mr. Lee appealed to Asia-Pacific nations to consider a regional security system. He said the main concern among the Taiwanese people was to maintain cross-strait stability.

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At a news conference the next day, he said he wouldn't rule out an independent presidential bid in 1996.

On Saturday, interviewed on former New York Governor Mario Cuomo's nationally syndicated radio show, Mr. Bradley resisted being pinned down on the issue.

"You said you would consider the possibility of running," Mr. Cuomo told Mr. Bradley in New York.

"No," Mr. Bradley replied, "as someone who has spent a long time with words, I said I wouldn't rule it out."

The Democratic National

Democrats downplay retirements, defections, predict '96 victories

NEW ORLEANS (Agencies) — The chairman of the Democratic National Committee downplayed talk of an independent presidential run by Sen. Bill Bradley and predicted Saturday that the party will maintain the White House and gain strength in Congress in 1996.

Mr. Bradley's "comment about a possible independent candidacy was not a major thrust of what he said," Chairman Don Fowler said as the committee held its summer meeting in New Orleans.

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Finishing a close third in the 10-man field was television commentator Pat Buchanan with 1,922 votes or 18 per cent. Former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander was fourth with 1,156 votes, or 11 per cent.

A raucous crowd sporting

T-shirts and waving placards

for their candidates crowded

Iowa State University's basketball arena for the straw poll, which takes place six months before the February 12 Iowa caucuses, the official start of the presidential primary season.

Capturing fifth place was inspirational speaker and radio talk show Alan Keyes with 8 per cent, one vote ahead of Michigan businessman Morris Taylor. Polling well behind were Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, Cal-

ifornia Governor Pete Wilson, California Representative Robert Dornan and Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter.

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World News

Last two factions sign Liberian peace accord

ABUJA (AFP) — Two Liberian militias which initially refused to sign a new peace accord to end the six-year civil war finally put their names to it early Sunday, an official of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) said.

ECOWAS Director of Information Adama Gaye said the last two factions signed the deal around 2 a.m. (0100 GMT) at a hotel in Nigeria's federal capital Abuja.

Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) press spokesman Arthur Dennis confirmed in a telephone interview that the faction had signed, as had the Krahn wing of the United Liberation Movement (ULIMO), led by Roosevelt Johnson.

However, Mr. Dennis said the AFL had only signed in return for guarantees from the mediating bodies that its "concerns" would be

"addressed on the ground" once the peace accord is implemented.

Late Saturday the AFL threatened to return to Monrovia without signing an agreement unless it was given undertakings that it would not be disarmed along with the other six factions.

Mr. Johnson's faction initially refused to sign in a dispute over jobs, Mr. Dennis added, in particular the speakership of a new transitional legislative assembly, which it was demanding but was refused.

Announcing the accord at the ECOWAS secretariat building here late Saturday, Ghana's Foreign Minister Obed Asamoah said it represented the "end" of efforts by ECOWAS to resolve the conflict, which according to official estimates has left over 150,000 dead.

Warlords have signed and broken some 10 accords

prior to the Abuja agreement.

Under the Abuja accord as adopted, the AFL and the Krahn wing of ULIMO would have no seat on the new council of state, or collective presidency.

However, Mr. Bowen was guaranteed a "ministerial or other senior government" post and will remain AFL chief of staff during the transitional period, which should last "approximately" one year, according to the accord.

Two minor warlords, Francois Massaquoi of the Lofa Defence Force (LDF) and Tom Woewiyu of the Central Revolutionary Council (CRC) dissident wing of the NPFL were given the same assurance, as were two Woewiyu allies in the current interim government, Laval Supuwood and Samuel Dokie.

Burmese army and ethnic minorities resume fighting

MAE SOT, Thailand (AP) — Fierce battles near the Thai-Burma border have erupted again between Burmese government troops and rebels of the ethnic minority Karen, a Thai officer said Sunday.

Government troops seeking the Karen headquarters fired constant barrages with 120 mm artillery guns Friday, said the officer who demanded anonymity. Thai border patrol police fired warning shots.

There was no word on casualties or results of the fighting, near the border of Thailand's northern province of Mae Hong Son.

The provincial capital is north of this key border town and about 650 kilometers north of Bangkok.

The Karen are among sev-

eral ethnic minority rebel groups that due to difficulties and pressure signed truce pacts with the government in recent months. The Karen say the government army violated the agreement in June by forcing civilians to work as military porters, seizing civilian trucks and horses, and preparing for an offensive against the Karen.

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Dudayev backs peace accord — report

MOSCOW (AFP) — Separatist Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev backs current efforts at establishing peace in Chechnya, his spokesman was quoted as saying Sunday.

Mr. Dudayev met for three hours Saturday with his military commander Aslan Maskhadov, who is one of the chief negotiators in talks with the Russians, ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Movladi Udugov as saying.

Mr. Udugov said Mr. Dudayev reaffirmed his support for the peace accord signed July 30, which exchanges disarmament of Chechen independence fighters for withdrawal of most Russian troops from Chechnya, ITAR-TASS reported.

However, Mr. Dudayev and Mr. Maskhadov both said that "implementation of the agreement on withdrawal of troops is stalled on the Russian side," Mr. Udugov said.

More than 100 people died in the fighting in Budennovsk and subsequent hostage crisis. Many of the victims were killed by Russian gunfire during attempts to storm the hospital where Mr. Basayev was holding his captives.

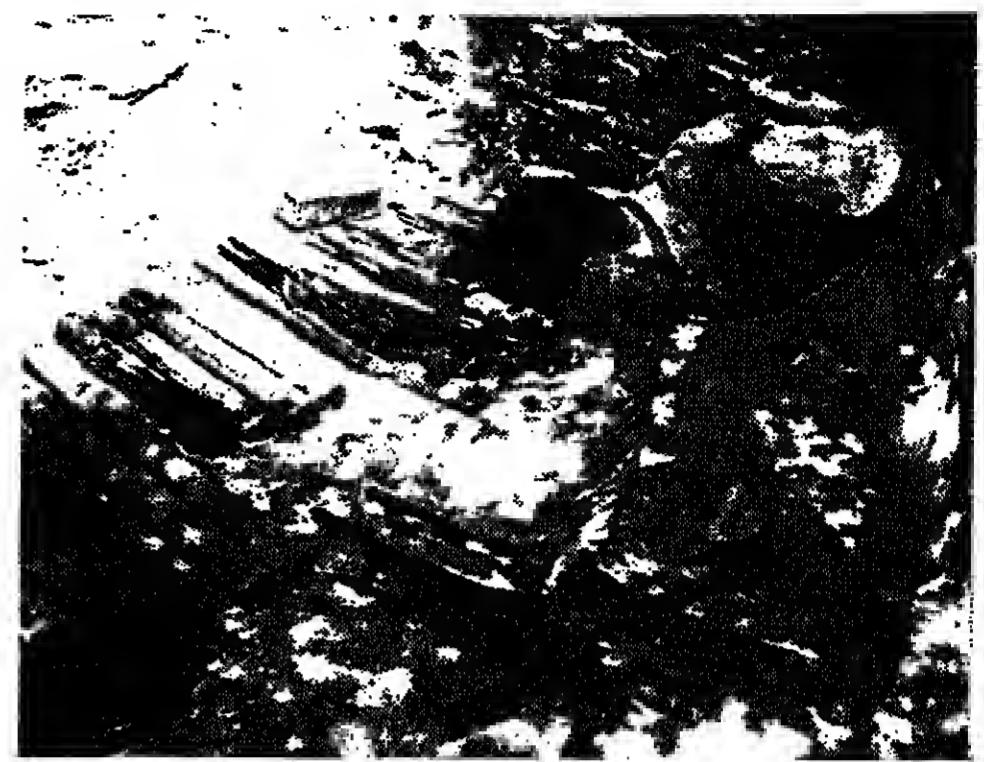
Chechen rebel authorities have agreed to help Russian forces capture Mr. Basayev for his role in the Budennovsk crisis.

Meanwhile, one of the most feared Chechen guerrilla leaders warned that he was prepared to carry out attacks in several Russian cities, Interfax news agency reported.

"They are on common ground over the main issue of resolving the conflict in a peaceful way," Mr. Udugov said.

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However, there appeared to be little chance that the separatists would turn over Mr. Basayev, who is seen as a hero by many Chechens.



A Chechen fighter adds his Kalashnikov assault rifle to weapons and ammunition handed in by Chechens in the village of Zandak near the Chechen-Dagestan border (Reuters photo)

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Back to Chongqing: A mother's memories of World War II in China

By Charlene L. Fu
The Associated Press

OF ALL the changes that have occurred in this former war capital of China, my mother most mourns the lotus pond and willow trees of her primary school.

Today, the schoolyard is barren and colourless: A field of yellow earth ringed by a few scrubbed trees, a swing set at one end and a basketball hoop at the other.

Then was 10 years old

when World War II ended in 1945 and had spent almost six years in Chongqing, a large city on the Yangtze River in southwest China's Sichuan province.

Displaced by war, she lived in many cities before the family fled the communist takeover in 1949. But Chongqing was her home for the longest.

My sister and I grew up listening to mom's stories of her childhood during what the Chinese call the anti-Japanese war.

While my friends were hearing stories about their parents growing up on family farms or having teen-age crushes on Elvis, my mother was telling us about days spent hiding in air-raid shelters or fleeing on roads packed with war refugees.

She was 3 when the family fled to Chongqing from the eastern coastal city of Nanjing, where my grandfather was a university lecturer.

The ruling nationalist government, badly beaten by invading Japanese, had retreated from its capital in Nanjing to this inland city. Many universities also moved.

Chongqing is surrounded by mountains on all sides, and the main river access is through the Yangtze river's treacherous three gorges.

The mountains and rivers were natural defences against invading Japanese troops. But the city was vulnerable from the air. My mother's earliest memory is of a Japanese bombing one day when her parents were away.

"I was so frightened I crawled under my father's desk," she remembers.

There were wartime privations: The first day of school, there were no desks. Students brought chairs from home to use as desks.

Despite the war, my mother remembers a fairly normal family life. The children attended classes and holidays were celebrated.

One of her fondest memories was after-dinner storytelling. My grandmother, one of the few Chinese women of her time to be educated in things Western, transported her children to Shakespearean England with tales based on the classic plays.

But dinner was often interrupted by air-raid sirens. Everyone would grab a handful of rice to knead into rice balls and eat later in the bomb shelters, damp caves carved out of the mountains.

"It was dark," she says. "The children would be too afraid to make a sound. We would hear the adults talk about incidents like the one at Liangjukou." There thousands died when bombs caused an avalanche that blocked up the entrance of a huge air-raid shelter.

"There were other close calls. Japanese planes bombed the train engine and caboose, killing hun-

drds. But the compartment my mother and her family were in was untouched.

When they broke their journey to stay overnight in a guest house, wanting to wash up and get a decent meal, Japanese bombers came again. The family fled outdoors and watched the building go up in flames.

When my grandfather fell ill with typhoid, the family had to stop running. They were out of money and had only a bag of high-quality tobacco from the cigarette factory.

The six of them lived in a single room and cooked in a tin washbasin. My mother contracted malaria and my grandmother somehow managed to find quinine pills. My grandfather lost so much weight that he scarcely looked human.

The children were sent into the streets to peddle the family's books and clothes. They were too young to understand just how desperate their situation was.

"We thought it was pretty fun," my mother recalls. And still the Japanese advanced. Rumours spread that even the rats were fleeing.

Waiting for my grandfather to recover, the family was among the last to leave, the only place to go was back to Chongqing.

There was no rail or boat transport through the mountains. So my grandmother, a proud woman, got down on her hands and knees and begged for permission for her family to ride atop army transport trucks.

Luckily, she and the local commanding officer, a

General Tu were both from the same close-knit group of northern Chinese who had migrated south. He took pity on her.

The family was allowed to bring only two bedrolls, but the trucks were piled high with goods belonging to the army families, including their commodes.

My still-weak grandfather sat next to the driver, but the rest of the family rode atop the piles, clinging to the ropes.

A sea of refugees filled the roads, some on foot, others riding animals, all fleeing.

The army trucks were fueled by charcoal and stalled frequently. The soldiers wanted to separate the family, putting my mother's older brother and sister on another truck, but my grandmother refused. That truck later caught fire and exploded.

As the caravan climbed into the mountains, the weather got colder. Snow forced them to stop in the provincial capital where the family stayed in a storage room.

When the trucks set out again, they had chains on their tires. But they were forced to stop again for several weeks to wait for the ice to melt. The only place the family could find to stay was next to a pigsty.

The most grueling part of the trip was "72-Turn Road," so-named for its hairpin turns down the mountains. At one sharp turn, my mother's younger sister started to fall out of the truck, but somehow my grandmother caught her and dragged her back in.

When the family made it back to Chongqing in early

1945, my mother recalls, "the first thing we did was boil all our clothes." Every one was flea-infested.

The war was in its last month, and shortages were acute. The children had no shoes. Their clothes were so old and bleached by repeated washings that they were white.

Breakfast was thin rice gruel; lunch, a bowl of rice full of sand and pebbles. There was no electricity, and the family used oil lamps. Homework had to be done before the sun went down. Then, suddenly, it was all over.

"It was dusk, after dinner. I don't remember exactly how we beard, but everyone knew," mother says. "My sister and I and our cousin danced all night long, we were so happy. The entire city of Chongqing just went crazy."

My grandmother bought leftover U.S. army supplies, including American jam, and the children had the novelty of eating toast and jam for breakfast.

My grandfather left almost immediately for a job with a Shanghai trading company. But it was six months before the rest of the family was able to secure passage on a steamer down the Yangtze river to Shanghai.

The family later went to Hong Kong, then to Indonesia, where my mother attended high school, and later to Taiwan, where my mother attended college.

She and my father settled permanently in the United States in 1969, living most of the time in Rochester, New York.

On our recent return visit to China, my mother and I arrived in Chongqing with no addresses, no one to look up. The night we flew in, all my mother could remember was that from the front door of the family home halfway up a mountain slope, she could see the juncture of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers that run along either side of central Chongqing.

But the next morning, looking at a map, she began to recognise place names and was able to pick out the district where she used to live.

Her main goal was to find her primary school, which she remembered as being at the top of the mountain, above her home.

"It is the only place that carries good memories. Everywhere else, we were fleeing the war and the bombing," she said.

We hired a hotel car for the day and set off. As we got closer, she started to softly chant the place names: "Tu Mountain, I remember Tu Mountain, Longmenhao, I remember Longmenhao."

The driver had never come this way before. After much discussion, backtracking and circling, we headed down a steep narrow road so crowded with peasants selling vegetables that the car could barely squeeze past.

The road ended abruptly just above the riverbank and mom recognised her first sight: The dock from which the family used to board ferries for the city centre.

"What happened to all the sand that we used to play in?" she wondered as we got out of the car.

We knew we were in the right place when we start climbing the worn stone steps that lead to the mountain top. Turning around to look back, we could see the two rivers: The brown muddy Yangtze mixing with the green, clearer Jialing.

In the hot sun and Chongqing's near-100 per cent humidity, my sister and I soon tired of the steep climb. But my mother, more energetic than she'd been in days, set a brisk pace.

She spotted an old, white-haired woman, and to my amazement spoke to her in the local dialect, asking if there was a school nearby. I never knew she could speak Sichuanese.

The old woman gave us directions, and we continued our climb. Cresting the peak, we entered a schoolyard. My mother took a swift look around and sighed heavily. In a voice laden with disappointment, she said softly, "it's all changed."

She waved a hand toward the slope and said, "none of these buildings were here then. The mountains used to be so much prettier."

A young schoolteacher took us to a colleague's home where several older teachers and the headmistress were having lunch.

They confirmed that the school was the one that my mother attended.

They told mom that the willow trees were cut down in the 1950s and used as fuel during a misguided nationwide campaign to build backyard furnaces to produce steel.

In the 1970s, the lotus pond was filled in so children wouldn't drown in it.

Later, my mother recalls that when the family returned to Chongqing after months of fleeing the Japanese advance, it was she, not the school, that had changed.

"I was a completely different person. Before, I had had a very happy childhood." Her voice breaks. "But because of fleeing the war and my illness, I couldn't play on the swings anymore. Before, I could swing really, really high."

Ekeus says Iraq gave data

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describes as menacing movement by Iraqi armed forces.

Asked if the new atmosphere could lead to lifting of the U.N. ban on oil exports imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, he said: "How the political development will be played, I do not know how that will play at the Security Council."

Mr. Ekeus said he would inform the U.N. Security Council of the latest revelations and submit his six-monthly report by Oct. 10 or 11.

He said he doubted the council could take a decision on sanctions by the time of its regular review in September because his experts would not have finished analysing the data.

Earlier on Sunday, Iraq denied any unusual movement of its troops and said it was ready to fight if attacked by U.S. forces assembling in the Gulf region.

"Iraq is prepared for any possibility and would fight on all fronts with extraordinary power," the official English-language daily Baghdad Observer said in an editorial.

It said there was no truth to U.S. claims that Iraq was moving troops to attack its neighbours Jordan and Kuwait.

The United States has sent aircraft carriers to the region within striking distance of Iraq and advanced the date of regular joint exercises with Kuwait to discourage what it calls a war criminal.

IAF assails joint exercises

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Why would America manoeuvre with Egyptian forces on the Red Sea near Sudan? Why does the presence of aircraft carriers in Haifa and Aqaba mean? the IAF said in the statement.

IAF deputies had warned the government against following Washington's line in its policy towards Iraq. The government has asserted that its policies on Iraq are determined by its national interests and that it is under no pressure to take any hostile moves against Baghdad.

Iraq has also said that it wants to maintain good relations with the Kingdom.

Iraq planned invasion -- defector

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gical, chemical and nuclear weapon development. (see story below).

Gen. Hassan said: "The regime has released all the secrets of its weapons programme... the aim was to protect their grip on power after

they felt they were threatened."

Gen. Hassan denied that he had made contacts with the United States and Saudi Arabia while in Amman, but said "I will begin contacts with Arab and world countries to express our views and to gather support for Iraq and its people."

Gen. Hassan, who has vowed to topple President Saddam, said his countrymen "must be prepared for a new era" where "democracy and political pluralism will prevail."

"We want a new Iraq, which can live in peace and stability and interact with other Arab and world countries," he said. "We want

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Israel began renewing entry permits last week but has issued only a few thousand new magnetic cards needed to cross into the Jewish state.

But Israeli officials said on Sunday the old permits were still valid and Palestinians whose magnetic cards had not been renewed could still enter for work in Israel.

The two sisters refused to name the sister, said: "The two women have not married the worker. The worker is only interested in his life, his financial situation," said Mohammad Asour who was waiting to cross into Israel.

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A president in trouble

By Annie Huang
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The tension between Taiwan and China is proving a bumpy political ride for President Lee Teng-hui with the approach of presidential elections next March.

Just two months ago, basking in the triumph of being the first Taiwanese president to visit the United States, Mr. Lee looked like a shoo-in.

But China, angry at the behaviour of an island it claims as a renegade province, has retaliated for Mr. Lee's visit by suspending talks with Taiwan and conducting menacing missile tests near Taiwanese waters.

Now, some analysts are speculating that relations will not get back on track as long as Mr. Lee is in office, and this has prompted a guessing game about whether he will run in the election.

Mr. Lee is expected to make his plans public at a congress of his Nationalist Party on Tuesday and Wednesday.

At 72, after seven years as president, the grandfather Lee enjoys high popularity as the man who gave his people democracy, and until recently it was widely assumed that he would run and win comfortably.

That assumption was strengthened as Taiwanese swelled with pride at seeing Lee address Cornell University, his alma mater.

But things have since gone seriously wrong.

China viewed the low-key, unofficial trip as an attempt to make capitalist Taiwan independent from the communist mainland.

Its first move was to freeze its semi-official talks with Taiwan. Next, it embarked on a series of missile tests in waters off the island, disrupting Taiwan's air and sea links and badly rattling its finan-

No change in Iran deal — Botha

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ned States is concerned about human rights and we share that concern.

"Where we differ is on how you respond to that concern. Rather than acting unilaterally and making claims and accusations in other arenas, the United States should use the appropriate international agencies and platforms," he said.

Mr. Botha said South Africa probably would support a concerted United Nations campaign based on evidence from the International Atomic Energy Agency or some other specialist body.

Asked whether he shared a

Kuwait budget fails to win assembly approval

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaiti government budget proposals failed to win parliamentary passage Saturday amid angry opposition demands that ministers submit a long-term plan to cut the deficit.

MPs voted 21-0 in favour of the budget but 17 abstentions meant the measure failed to win the minimum 31 votes required for passage. Another vote will be taken at the assembly's next session on Tuesday.

The abstentions, in effect blocking passage of the bill, appeared in response to opposition demands the government first propose detailed ideas for ending the deficit in coming years.

"We are sounding the alarm bell, at least to clear our consciences before God and the society," said Ismail Al Shatti, an opposition Islamist chairman of the assembly's financial and economic affairs committee.

"Suspend the budget and embarrass the government before the society," he urged MPs before the vote.

Economists say persistent deficits that soared after Kuwait's 1991 Gulf war liberation from Iraqi occupation are slowly eating away Kuwait's main investment reserves, now around \$35 billion and down from around \$100 billion pre-war.

The deficit issue goes to the heart of national security, Kuwait's number one concern, because the country's ability to pay foreign allies to come to its defence would be the critical factor in any future emergency such as Iraq's 1990 invasion.

The government wants spending 4.23 billion dinars (\$13.8 billion) and projects revenue of 2.910 billion dinars (\$9.6 billion), leaving a gap of 1.32 billion dinars (\$4.4 billion), equivalent to almost a fifth of gross domestic product.

Finance Minister Nasser Al Rodhan promised to table by the end of 1995 a five-year plan about the state-dominated economy including the deficit.

Japan's trade surplus drops sharply in July

TOKYO (R) — Japan's huge trade surplus shrank sharply in July as the strong yen started to take its toll on exports, surprising economists and boosting the dollar against the yen.

The finance ministry said that Japan's overall customs-cleared trade surplus narrowed to \$9.43 billion in July from \$12.25 billion in the same month a year earlier.

"It was very, very surprised because it (the trade surplus) was exactly at the lowest forecast," said Makoto Kojima, director of global markets at Barclays Bank.

July's overall trade surplus was just below the bottom end of the range of economists' forecasts, which went from \$9.5 billion to \$12.2 billion.

Economists said the size of the fall in the July trade surplus was an incentive for buying dollars against the yen.

Economists expect the politically sensitive trade imbalance will continue to decrease.

"Japan's trade surplus is on a declining trend, with the effect of the yen's rise starting to depress the volume of exported products," said Takumi Tsunoda, an eco-

nomist at Yamaichi Research Institute of Securities and Economics Inc.

Many economists agreed the yen's rise against other currencies, especially the dollar, this year has weakened Japanese products' competitiveness abroad. A strong yen makes Japanese goods less attractive in overseas markets by inflating their dollar-based prices.

But Japan's exports are not expected to fall sharply because other countries may keep buying Japanese products as their economies are recovering, economists said.

Asian countries, for example, are expected to purchase capital goods from Japan despite the fact that the strong yen is boosting prices, said Yamaichi's Tsunoda.

Economists said Japan's exports to the United States are also unlikely to shrink dramatically, although the July figure of \$10.34 billion marked the first fall in 32 months.

The finance ministry said Japan's trade surplus with the United States, its biggest trading partner, marked the second straight fall in July, shrinking to \$3.87 billion from \$5.62 billion a year earlier.

Turkish officials expect inflation to start falling

ANKARA (R) — Higher-than-expected July inflation has dimmed many Turks' hopes for lower inflation this year, but Turkey's economy officials are still confident that year-on-year inflation will decline sharply from September.

Inflation ran at very high levels in the last four months of 1994. More reasonable rates of inflation in the same period of this year will pull down annual inflation sharply, "said a treasury official, who declined to be named.

Inflation, measured with wholesale prices, rose to 80 per cent in July from 77.3 per cent in June.

Monthly inflation ran between 5.4 per cent and a high of 8.3 per cent in the last four months of last year.

But officials predict monthly average inflation will be at around four to five per cent over 1995's final quarter, citing increased imports, lessened reliance of the treasury on central bank resources, slowed down exchange rates, disciplined budget, better farm output and reductions in cost of duties.

A monthly average rise of five per cent in the period of September-December will slow down 12-month inflation to 72.2 per cent at end-1995, higher than the end-year target of 40 per cent but sharply lower than 1994's inflation of 150 per cent.

A recent surge in domestic demand, slow privatisation, high private sector manufacturing prices — core inflation — and a real expansion in monetary aggregates may block efforts to reverse inflation, economists say.

Moreover, they fear disastrous results if Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's government eases its tight wage and agricultural price policies to increase its popularity ahead in the country's fledgling securities markets.

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) encouraged by signs that the economy is on the mend, is widely expected to hold off from cutting interest rates further at a policy-making meeting Tuesday.

With inflation steady and growth picking up, analysts said the central bank has no reason to tinker with policy now after reducing rates last month for the first time in nearly three years.

"They should be content," said Robert Dederick, chief economist at Chicago-based Northern Trust Co. "There is no need to rush into another move."

Only two of 30 economists and Wall Street analysts surveyed by Reuters expect the central bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) to decide on a rate cut Tuesday.

Other rules deal with issuing, splitting, consolidating and cancelling securities.

They say anyone who acquires registered securities to good faith cannot be deprived of them.

The course of the nine-year-old privatisation programme will be key to the fate of inflation.

The government's end-year target for consolidated budget deficit, 206 trillion lira (\$4.5 billion), was based on a key assumption that at least 50 trillion lira (\$1.1 billion) of 1995 privatisation revenues would be transferred to the budget.

The regulations, which came into force Friday, are intended to protect shareholders' rights.

This is the main task of our commission. All our work revolves around this activity," commission chairwoman Dmitry Vasilev told Reuters in an interview.

Western investor confidence took a knock when it became known that shareholders in Russian oil company KomiNeft had decided to raid the company's capital and issue new shares without consulting existing stockholders.

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Cuban GDP declines by 34% since 1989

HAVANA (R) — Newly revealed statistics on the Cuban economy show that the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) declined by 34.3 per cent since 1989, the year the communist bloc began to fall apart.

The GDP is the sum of a country's yearly output of goods and services and is considered the most telling measure of a nation's economic activities.

The official newspaper Granma said the accumulated total of house purchase debts owed to the state savings bank, Banco Popular de Ahorro, stood at more than one billion Cuban pesos.

The nominal official exchange rate for the Cuban peso is approximately one peso to one U.S. dollar, but this is considered artificial even by Cuban government economists who pay more attention to the black market rate, now moving downward toward a level of around 25 pesos to the dollar.

Many citizens were buying their homes from the state through monthly Cuban peso instalment payments. The

new policy, approved by the council of ministers, allows them to liquidate outstanding debts through a single payment.

It offered a 25 per cent discount if a debt was paid off completely and 20 per cent if more than 60 per cent was paid.

Granma made clear this latest measure formed part of the government's campaign to decrease excess liquidity in circulation in an effort to revalue the peso, and therefore peso salaries, to give incentives for work and productivity.

Last month Cuban President Fidel Castro said an estimated surplus liquidity of around 11 billion pesos in 1994 had been reduced by 2.7 billion over the last year through a combination of new taxes, selective price rises and openings of farm produced markets and shops selling consumer articles.

The objective is to help the majority of Cuban salary earners who have seen the value of their peso wages sharply eroded by Cuba's economic crisis, triggered by the collapse of trade and aid ties with the former Soviet Union.

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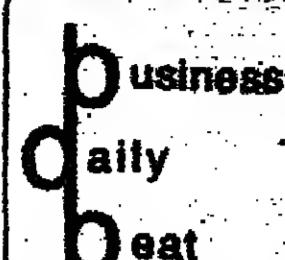
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of economic news
from the Arabic press

Italian firm wins JD 35 million road project

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Close to the commercial heart of London, near parliament and within easy reach of the capital's main stations, Fleet Street was ideally situated for reporting, and every night its presses turned out nearly 16 million newspapers.

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COMPANY'S NAME	NO. OF SHARES ISSUED	PRICE	CLOSING PRICE
ARAB BANK PSC	480	105540	219,500 221,000
JORDAN NATIONAL BANK	1276	5797	4,550 4,550
BANK OF JORDAN	450	1530	3,400 3,400
HIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK	9037	11291	1,240 1,240
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK	1175	2957	2,500 2,500
THE HOUSING BANK	5525	31804	5,650 5,650
JORDAN KUWAITI BANK	8916	24952	2,810 2,800
JORDAN GULF BANK	17200	19954	1,180 1,170
JORDAN EXIM BANK	636	3157	3,770 3,770
JORDAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE BANK	1252	5125	4,120 4,120
REIT FUND SAVINGS-INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING	500	1425	3,350 3,350
JORDAN BANK FOR INVESTMENT	14000	14950	1,060 1,060
JORDAN BANKING CORPORATION/JORDAN	156	818	5,330 5,450
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ARAB INTERNATIONAL HOTELS	450	1520	3,500 3,500
JORDAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES	405	1113	2,800 2,800
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	7500	16462	2,230 2,190
UNITED MIDDLE EAST & OCEANOGRAPHIC HOTELS	1000	2220	2,230 2,230
ARAB INTER. FOR INVESTMENT & EDUCATION	1750	5500	3,180 3,200
JORDANIAN EXPATRIATE INVESTMENT HOLDING	13150	16299	1,250 1,150
ENGLISH PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES	3262	4467	1,360 1,360
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JORDAN TOBACCO & CIGARETTES	1025	23673	24,100 22,900
JORDAN CEMENT FACTORIES	4453	16308	3,650 3,670
ARAB INDUSTRIAL & METALLURGIC MINES	2200	6717	3,050 3,060
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY	560	4250	5,520 5,520
THE INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL	361	241	9,520 9,520
JORDAN WOOLSEY MILLS	760	2568	3,400 3,330
ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING	450	3422	7,840 7,620
JORDAN CERAMIC INDUSTRIES	2463	1251C	5,120 5,070
THE JORDAN PIPELINE MANUFACTURING	230	1376	6,030 6,030
ARABIC INDUSTRIES	2549	6445	2,530 2,530
SPLINTERING & HEATING	800	800	3,400 3,400
RAYFA INDUSTRIES	100	203	2,050 2,050
DAN DANA DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	450	3495	7,800 7,800
ARAB INVESTMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE	1000	740	740 740
ARAB ALUMINUM INDUSTRY	608	3285	5,380 5,450
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	4183	2012	1,480 1,480
ARAB CERAMIC & PLASTICS	2750	3850	1,420 1,420
ARAB CERAMIC & PLASTICS	375	275	1,010 1,010
NATIONAL INDUSTRIES	1200	2402	3,180 3,180
INTERMEDIATE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	1100	3927	3,570 3,570
UNIVERSAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	200	114	5,560 5,570
JORDAN INDUSTRIES & MATCHES	400	1928	4,850 4,850
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUFACTURING	750	1180	1,560 1,590
JORDAN SULPHUR-CHEMICALS	400	864	2,140 2,160
ARAB CERAMIC & PLASTICS	400	130	3,200 3,200
JORDAN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO.	6200	12747	1,060 1,050
INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO & CIGARETTES	400	699	1,750 1,740
UNION CHEMICAL & VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRIES	5100	10638	2,060 2,060
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR			

Agassi upsets Wilander to reach final

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — Andre Agassi continued his command of the hardcourts, overcoming Mats Wilander 6-3, 6-3 to reach the finals of the Volvo International.

Agassi wasn't sharp in the early going and his win didn't come as quickly and cleanly Saturday night as did his first three victories this week at the Connecticut tennis centre.

Agassi lost his service twice, doubling the number of breaks he has had in the tournament, he also missed eight of 13 chances to break Wilander, who survived with the help of seven well-placed aces, which ranged from as slow as 79 mph to as fast as 119 mph.

Agassi found his rhythm in the second set and began delivering his returns with the power and precision that has made him unbeatable on the hardcourts.

"It was kind of close early. But I managed to pull away, and once I get ahead I get a little more confidence," Agassi said. "I wouldn't say it was my optimum performance... but I would say I pretty much had everything under control."

Standing in the way of Agassi's seventh title this year is the towering Richard Krajicek, who upset fourth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 6-4 in the earlier semifinal.

The pressure will be on Krajicek.

Agassi is 45-2 on hardcourts this year and has won 19 straight matches. He will be making his 10th appearance in a final this year. He has reached the final in every barocourt event he's played this year and hasn't lost a match on the surface this summer.

On Saturday night, Wilander, a former No. 1 player, ended up being no match for the new ruler of the tennis world. He did have his moments of brilliance, slicing some nice drop shots and chasing down some of Agassi's.

And, after the two lost their first two service games, Wilander managed to avoid being broken again in the first set despite being down break points in all of his remaining service games.

And just winning six games was a small victory. He had only managed to win two games each of the last two times they had met on hardcourts, their last battle coming in the Canadian Open semifinals three weeks ago.

Earlier Saturday, Krajicek used aces and a deft serve-and-volley game to beat Kafelnikov. Krajicek, seeded eighth, was down a break after two games but quickly recovered.

Karbacher beats Sampras

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Pete Sampras' overpowering serve deserted him in the second set, opening the door for Bernd Karbacher to oust the top seed from the RCA Championships on Saturday.

The 12th-seeded German advanced to his first career hardcourt finals with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory over Sampras, the world's second-ranked player. Karbacher will meet Sweden's Thomas Enqvist in the final.

Karbacher won the second set by breaking Sampras' serve, the first time Sampras had lost his serve in the tournament.

Sampras said he was shaken by losing the second set "and just didn't really regain my composure in the beginning of the third."

"It's the fourth seed, pulled another upset in the other semifinal, ousting No. 2 Goran Ivanisevic 6-1, 1-6, 6-

3. It was the fourth straight week Enqvist has beaten the hard-serving Croatian.

Sampras entered the semi-final match on a dominant streak, winning 90 per cent of his first-service points. But that dominance ended late in the second.

"After he broke me in the second," Sampras said, "he really felt like he could have a chance to win it."

"He just really hit some good returns, and I was just stuck flat-footed. I was kind of digging myself in a bigger and bigger hole. That was it."

Karbacher said his opponent was unbeatable early. "There was no weakness at all," Karbacher said, adding, he was having a tough time even returning Sampras' second serves.

"I just tried to keep my confidence up, go for every return you can make, and maybe he will have a lack of concentration."

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A2 ♠A4 ♣K854 ♠432
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 2 ♠
Dbl Pass Pass 2 ♠
Pass Pass ?
Major-takeout What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A2 ♠A4 ♣K854 ♠432
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass 1 NT Pass
? 1 NT Pass
What action do you take?

Q.3—South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦A2 ♠A4 ♣K854 ♠432
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
Look for answers on Monday.

Tyson beats McNeeley to earn \$25m in 89 seconds

Protesters draw attention to abuse of women

LAS VEGAS (AP) — As screaming Mike Tyson fans and celebrity watchers packed the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino Saturday, a small group of protesters nearby chanted, "rape is not a sport."

The protesters, the majority of whom were National Organisation for Women members, said they were not protesting Tyson or the resort that was hosting Tyson's return to boxing. Instead, they said they wanted to draw attention to the abuse of women and get Tyson, a convicted rapist, to contribute to their cause.

"We've got the opportunity to make a statement here," said Anne Golonka, president of NOW's southern Nevada chapter. "As long as one woman anywhere in the world is being raped we want to stop it."

Tyson served three years for raping a beauty pageant contestant and was released in March from the Indiana Youth Centre. Saturday night's fight against Peter McNeeley was his first since leaving prison.

Golonka had hoped for about 100 protesters, but fewer than 30 showed up to March in an oval on the sidewalk. They wore signs reading "women are not punching bags" and "remember the victims."

Although Golonka said Tyson should have served a longer sentence, she said the group didn't want to focus on that issue.

"He's gone to prison and he's out. It's America," Golonka said. "We can't spend our time stomping our feet over that.... We have nothing against Mr. Tyson or the community."

Other protesters were more vocal about Tyson's prison term.

"We're mad as hell," said Lynn Tynan, a NOW member and host of a radio talk show on KLAV-AM in Las Vegas. "Rape is a serious crime, and three years is not enough. We're out here to show a man cannot go on abusing women."

Golonka sent a letter to Tyson on Monday asking him to help lead a nationwide campaign to end violence against women. She also said she would like to see a "more serious attitude" from him because he is getting on with his life while his victim, Desiree Washington, still is trying to recover.

"I ask you to dedicate \$1 million of the proceeds from your first fight to establish the Mike Tyson Foundation to end violence against women," the letter states.

Tyson was expected to earn \$25 million for Saturday's fight.

Tyson did not respond to the letter, and Don King Productions refused to comment on the protesters, but Golonka said she would resend the letter after the fight to make sure Tyson received it.

Golonka said she hoped the march at minimum would get people "to consider the issues."

"You know it's amazing.... O.J. Simpson and Mike Tyson are the two most famous men on the planet right now."



Tyson arrives at the MGM Grand for his comeback fight against Peter McNeeley in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tyson earned an estimated \$25m for the fight (AFP photo)

Tyson look fast and strong, but the fight gave no indication how long layoff affected him.

The 29-year-old Tyson nailed the swarming McNeeley with a short left hand that dropped him about 15 seconds into the fight.

McNeeley got up immediately and as Tyson stood in a neutral corner ran around the ring until referee Mills Lane could stop him and give a standing 8-count.

The 224-pound (101.6-kilogrammes) McNeeley again swarmed to the attack and backed Tyson into the ropes, where they exchanged punches toe-to-toe, exchange, missing more than they landed.

After Tyson, 220 (99.8-kilogrammes), got off the ropes, he hurt McNeeley with a right to the head, then knocked him down with a left and right uppercut to the head. McNeeley bounced up but fell again against the rope and that's when Vecchione jumped into the ring, causing the disqualification at 1:29.

His comeback also brought out a group of about 25 men, women and children who walked in a circle outside the hotel-pool. The purpose of their picketing was to call attention to violence against women (see separate story).

The victory in 89 seconds was the 12th-shortest fight in Tyson's 42-fight career, in which seven opponents have lasted less than a minute,

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Sports

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Women's Basketball Championship

Orthodoxi, Jazireh clash tonight

By Aileen Bannayan
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Former champions Al Jazireh Monday face titleholders Al Orthodoxi in a decisive match that will somewhat determine the eventual winner of this year's women's basketball trophy in the three-team tournament organised by the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF).

Al Orthodoxi will undoubtedly benefit by the arrival of key player Jehane Abdellour who took time off from her work in Beirut to join her teammates. Otherwise, her team might have had a difficult task especially if Shitene Abu Khader misses the upcoming game because of the knee injury she sustained during their match against Al Ahli which the titleholders won by a mere three points.

Al Jazireh on the other hand easily beat Al Ahli 66-33 while missing five team members including two key players, Suhair Makris and Rana Husseini.

Al Jazireh currently rely on the rebounding and scoring abilities of 184 centimetre tall Jumana al Salti. While they are without their original lineup of players who are mostly abroad, the team has its energetic playmaker Hala Al Muheisen together with Tala Al Mauge, Rania Al



Reigning champions Al Orthodoxi — will they be able to retain their title?

Dajani and a younger lineup hoping to win back the title they clinched from Al Orthodoxi in 1993.

Al Orthodoxi, on the other hand, appeared in a surprisingly poor form in their match against Al Ahli while having most of their players including usual top scorer Lara Masri-Naher who had missed last season.

However, Al Ahli's newly regrouped team led by Andira Kuseiseh surprised themselves, their opponents and attending fans by managing to keep the score close throughout the match before losing by three points.

Al Orthodoxi, who dominated women's basket-

ball since its latest comeback in 1989, lost the title only in 1993 but regained it last year when Al Jazireh abruptly pulled out of the championship citing differences with the JBF while the only other competing team was Abu Nusair.

Championship record

1989

First: Orthodoxi
Second: Ahli
Third: Homemmen

1990

First: Orthodoxi
Second: Ahli
Third: Homemmen

1991

First: Orthodoxi
Second: Ahli
Third: Homemmen
Fourth: Jazireh

1992

First: Orthodoxi
Second: Ahli
Third: Jazireh
Fourth: Homemmen

1993

First: Jazireh
Second: Orthodoxi
Third: Ahli
Fourth: Abu Nusair

1994

First: Orthodoxi
Second: Abu Nusair
Third: Jazireh

Schedule of upcoming matches (all at Ahli court)

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Paris St. Germain go top with away win

PARIS (R) — Paris St. Germain seized the lead from Bastia in the French Soccer League on Saturday with an impressive 3-1 win at newly-promoted Gueugnon.

A header by Panamanian striker Julio Cesar Dely Valdes after three minutes and two second-half efforts by Brazilian Rai and Xavier Gravelaine allowed PSG to outclass Gueugnon, who snatched a goal back through Vincent Fanzel with one minute remaining.

The Paris club, fighting to recapture the title they lost to Nantes last May, were reduced to 10 men when Rai was sent off in the 73rd minute for a vicious tackle on Gueugnon midfielder Franck Jurietti.

PSG are on 11 points with Guingamp, who beat Bordeaux 1-0 thanks to a first-half goal by Lionel Rouxel, and Metz, who were held to a goalless draw at Le Havre.

Panis have a better goal difference.

Overnight leaders Bastia suffered their first defeat of the season with a 3-0 loss at St. Etienne, who recorded their first win with goals from Didier Thimotee, Slovakia's skipper Lubomir Moravcik and Lazio Sandjak.

Champions Nantes had to wait until the last minute to beat Nice 1-0 with Chadian Japhet N'Doram scoring from the penalty spot.

"We have quite a few players injured and I believe we can play much better than we did tonight," said Nantes' trainer Jean-Claude Suaudeau, whose team are fifth two points behind Paris with a game in hand.

There was disappointment for Monaco, who were beaten 1-0 at home by Martigues with new signing Abdel-Salem Sow of Guinea scoring the winner for the visitors in the 77th minute.

The team from the principality is a modest eighth, four points behind PSG after five games.

Bayern Munich rout Karlsruhe 6-2

BERLIN (AP) — Even without injured striker Juergen Klinsmann, Munich's new midfielders found enough targets to lead the team to a 6-2 rout Saturday over Karlsruhe in a Bundesliga match decided in the opening minutes.

Swiss Ciriaco Sforza and Austria's Andreas Herzog teamed up to riddle the defense with combination passing and set up one scoring chance after another.

That was exactly why Bayern Munich snatched the away win from other Bundesliga clubs last season.

"Munich showed all its cleverness today," said Karlsruhe coach Winfried Schaeffer. "Even winning by that big of a score was deserved."

Christian Ziege started the rout in the 14th minute, Oliver Krauter landed a header four minutes later and Alexander Zickler put Munich 3-0 in the 23rd.

Adrian Knupp then scored the first of his two goals for Karlsruhe, but it was enough to slow down the blowout at home in front of 33,800.

Sforza's pass ignited a volley shot by Dietmar Hammann in the 57th minute, while

Ziege added a second straight draw.

Moenchengladbach moved into third place with a 2-0 record.

Their chief rival for the title, Dortmund, struggled to a 1-1 result against Leverkusen — its

second straight draw.

Moenchengladbach

beat

Kaiserslautern.

Sternkopf had languished on

Munich's bench before escaping this year.

After Swedish international Martin Dahlin put Moenchengladbach up 1-0, Sternkopf and Peter Wynhoff sealed the game with goals.

Miroslav Kadlec scored the consolation goal.

Bulgaria's Krassimir Balakov shot an equaliser for Stuttgart in the 51st minute,

helping the visitors recover from compatriot Daniel Bormirov's early goal for 1860

Munich.

Heiko Peschke's second

half goal halped Uerdingen

to a home draw after Slobodan Komiljenovic had given

Frankfurt the early lead.

Aston Villa crush Manchester United

LONDON (AFP) — Pressure on Alex Ferguson increased as Manchester United slipped to a 3-1 defeat away to Aston Villa on Saturday — their worst league loss for three years.

Ferguson let go Mark Hughes, Paul Ince, and possibly Andrei Kanchelskis during the summer, and many will blame that for their worst result since a 3-0 reverse to Everton in 1992.

Aston Villa were on fire in the first half with goals from former Sheffield Wednesday midfielder Ian Taylor, new signing Mark Draper, and a penalty from Trinidadian international Dwight Yorke.

West Ham's Danny Williamson, 21, had scored the first Premiership goal of the season after five minutes.

Le Tisser hit two penalties and a 25 yard freekick, but a double from Dutchman Brian Roy and other goals from Colin Cooper and winger Ian Woan earned Nottingham Forest the win.

Leeds United came from behind to beat West Ham 2-1.

And Dutchman Fabian De

Freitas equalised with an angled shot that appeared to hit debutant goalkeeper Paul Heald but dribbled over the line.

Bolton Wanderers' were

level by half time with a

penalty by Alan Thompson

after Mark Patterson was

brought down by Alan Kim-

ble.

As well as Seles was play-

ing, she hardly needed the

help.

"I felt bad about the

calls," Seles said. "I didn't

want the match to go that

way. Gaby was very sup-

portive of me. She was the

only player in Rome to

stand up for me after the

stabbing, so there was a lot

of emotion at the end of the

match."

Seles said she continues

to play with a new attitude

and a new perspective ab-

out tennis.

"Win or lose, it's just

great to be out there again," she said. "After all

the dark days and dark

spots, to play great tennis

and have fun doing it, that's just great."

Seles reaches Canadian Open final

TORONTO (AP) — Monica Seles continued to defy her own expectations to demolish sixth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini 6-1, 6-4 to reach the final of the Canadian Open.



Villagers pass by the wreckage of cars overturned in the flood that hit villages in the Marakkech region of Morocco on Friday (AFP photo)

Mufti: 'Fatwa' against selling land to Israelis is not binding

By Sae'da Kilani
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's mufti, Sae'da Hijawi, Sunday described a fatwa by prominent clergymen early this week that prohibits land sale to Israelis as an "individual interpretation" that could not become binding unless approved by the Ifta Council, the highest religious authority in the Kingdom.

The fatwa, issued by religious scholars, university professors and Islamists who described themselves as "heirs to God's messengers," prohibits the sale or lease of land to Israelis and described those "who cede their lands (to the enemy) and recognise the state of the Jews" as "disloyal" and "should not be trusted."

"Fatwas could not be recognised officially and accepted religiously unless the Ifta Council looks into them," Mufti Hijawi told the Jordan Times.

According to Mufti Hijawi, an old fatwa issued by the former mufti of Jordan, Sheikh Abdullah Kalkili, that bans all kinds of trade with Israel has so far not been revoked.

"But in light of new de-

velopments, the (council) could look into the issue," he said referring to the peace treaty with Israel and Parliament's abrogation of laws that ban dealing with Israelis.

He added that the Ifta Council, which consists of "jurists and is headed by Chief Justice Izzeddine Tamimi, would be ready to study the new fatwa if the authorities requested it do so.

One reason behind issuing the new "fatwa" at this time, according to one of its signatories, Islamist Deputy Hammam Sa'eed, was Parliament's ratification of the laws that ended the boycott of Israel.

Dr. Sa'eed told the Jordan Times that the signatories thought the law did not offer enough guarantees against the sale of land to Israelis, especially to those who hold double nationality.

The three-page fatwa warned of serious implications on the region as a whole if Arabs sold land to Israelis. The fatwa further warned of the spread of unethical practices like adultery "that will corrupt the new generations."

"Let it be a reminder to our beloved people in Jordan that the first step to the occupation of Palestine was

through the purchase of Arab land by Jewish merchants who were not originally inhabitants of Palestine," the fatwa said. "The greed of the Jews did not end with the occupation of Palestine; they aspire to seize all the Arab region."

The Lower House of Parliament last month endorsed a law ending boycott of Israel but conditioned land sale to foreigners with reciprocal treatment from the buyer's country of origin.

The law, which was also endorsed by the Senate and awaits ratification by His Majesty King Hussein, allows land sale to foreigners under strict conditions and in limited areas in the Kingdom. Any sale or lease of land to foreigners necessitates the approval of the cabinet, according to the law.

"It is not enough," Dr. Sa'eed said. The Jordanian-Israeli "treaty, which bans discriminatory practices in all Jordanian laws, supersedes all laws and makes land sale to Israelis very easy."

The Islamic Action Front deputy said the issuance of this fatwa was very important to remind people of the serious implications of selling land to foreigners, especially to Israelis.

Morocco floods toll goes up

RABAT (R) — Morocco said on Sunday 141 people had died in flash floods that swept the southwestern region of Marrakesh and newspapers said whole families, many on holiday, were wiped out in the worst flooding in the region for 50 years.

An Interior Ministry statement said rescuers had plucked the bodies from five of the worst-hit regions of Al Haouz province south of the city of Marrakesh, 330 kilometres from Rabat.

Many victims were holidaymakers trapped in cars swept by rivers of mud that poured down the forested Atlas mountains, sending rocks hurtling onto camping sites and villages in the valleys below following a freak thunderstorm.

Television showed bodies of men, women and children caked in mud being carried off in ambulances.

The government newspaper Le Matin said 30,000 holidaymakers, many of them campers and backpackers, were in the area when the downpour began on Thursday night.

The campers were the most vulnerable, having chosen shaded terrain near rivers and streams which burst their banks.

The mainly rural area is a popular holiday resort for Moroccans escaping the intense heat of the cities, where temperatures have reached record highs in recent weeks.

There have been no reports that foreign tourists were among the casualties.

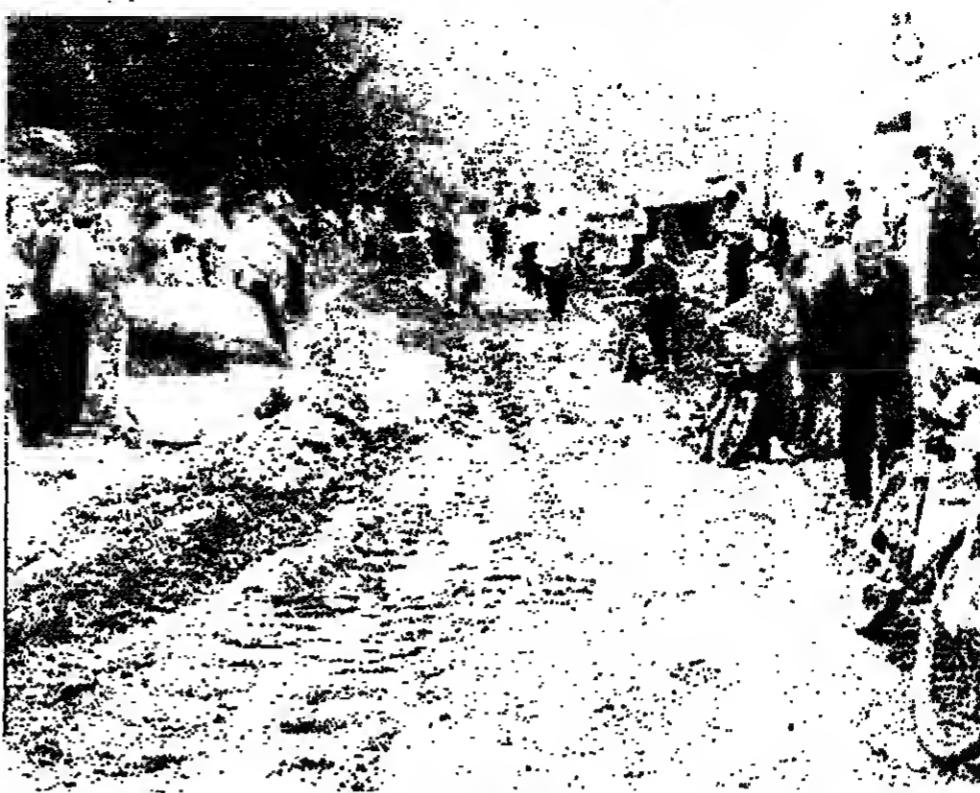
Some newspapers said hundreds more people were missing in remote mountain areas, but the Interior Ministry spokesman implied that rescuers did not expect to find more bodies after scouring the region for three days with help from the military.

Some residents contacted by telephone from Rabat said they had seen arms floating in the sludge that rolled down from the mountains.

The mudslides sent cars smashing into each other and television showed cars stacked up like toys.

The ministry statement said more than 100 homes and shops were destroyed.

King Hassan ordered emergency supplies sent. Interior Minister Driss Basri visited on Friday to oversee the rescue and ordered a commission set up to help the rural area.



Survivors of the flood-ravaged village of Onalam in the Marakkech region of Morocco leave the area to find refuge (AFP photo)

IAF hits joint exercises as part of 'American scheme'

By Ayman Al-Safadi
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan's largest opposition party on Sunday condemned the joint Jordanian-American military exercises which began in the Kingdom's southern desert on Friday, urging the government "to keep the American forces away from our land and our people who were shocked when they saw the strategic ally of Israel" in Jordanian territories.

In a statement interspersed with the customary anti-American and anti-Israeli rhetoric, the Islamic Action Front (IAF) warned of a "grand American scheme" to control the region, its resources and its people.

The IAF said it opposed the military manoeuvres, which it described as a provocation to the Jordanian people, and urged the government not to repeat them.

The IAF said the exercises, in which about 3,000 American and 4,000 Jordanian troops are participating, are part of an American design aimed at "rearranging the re-

gion" at this critical juncture.

"It seems that the era of rearranging (the region) according to American designs have not been completed yet. Hence is the bolstering of the American presence, especially the military one, in the area," the statement said.

The statement made a connection between the exercises and the announcement by a senior Iraqi official who defected to Jordan Aug. 8 that he will be working to topple the Iraqi regime.

"The arrival of the American forces could be the first priority action against Iraq," said the statement, adding that it might also aim at strengthening Israel in light of the difficulties it is facing in its negotiations with Syria.

The statement said that the increased presence of American troops in the region is intended to "bully" Arab countries with view to accelerating the peace process with Israel.

The United States beefed up its military presence in the region following the defection of former Iraqi Minister

of Industry Hussein Kamel Hassan Al Majid to Jordan.

In addition to moving the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt to the Eastern Mediterranean, the U.S. said it was ready to deploy 20,000 troops in the area to guard against perceived Iraqi threats to Jordan and Kuwait after it detected "unusual" movement by the Iraqi army.

Iraq rejected as mere "hallucination" the American accusations. The United Nations confirmed that the Iraqi forces had made no unusual movement.

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Tourabi: Sudan attacked for its Islamic rule

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's influential Islamist leader Hassan Al Tourabi said on Sunday his country was being unjustly criticised abroad because it applied Islamic laws and revived the concept of Jihad, or holy struggle.

He was quoted by the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) as saying the change which Sudan has been witnessing since the implementation of Islamic laws would take it to the position of leadership in the world.

Dr. Tourabi said Sudan, after living through the first half of this century under Western domination, had revived the concept of Jihad, which he said had been forgotten in the Islamic World.

Western nations led by the United States, together with Egypt and several other Arab states have repeatedly accused Sudan, led since 1989 by the Islamist-backed government of Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, of giving refuge and training for Muslim militant groups. Sudan denies the charge.

Dr. Tourabi, citing as achievements of Gen. Bashir's government, said it had ended what he called a state of disintegration under the rule of sectarianism and political parties.

Sectarianism in Sudan's political fiction refers to the country's two main, now-outlawed political groups — Umma and the Democratic Unionist parties whose power base is in the Al Ansar and Al Khatmiya religious sects respectively.

"At that time the people neglected their rituals while they were locked up in the struggle for power," Dr. Tourabi said. He was referred to Sudan's last pluralism experience which ended when Gen. Bashir seized power from an elected government in June 1989.

Gen. Bashir on taking power dissolved parliament and suspended the constitution. He also banned political parties, including Dr. Tourabi's National Islamic Front, thus ending Sudan's third spell of democratic rule since independence in 1956.

Iran oil deal will not be changed -- Botha

CAPE TOWN (R) — South Africa will not bow to U.S. pressure over its new oil-marketing joint venture with Iran, Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister P. Botha said on Sunday.

The United States should tackle Iran's alleged nuclear ambitions in the appropriate international agencies and not in talks with South Africa, he told Reuters.

"I will not reconsider the deal because I do not understand why the United States should be so concerned with our little bit of business with Iran," he said in an interview.

The U.S. State Department has expressed disappointment at the deal, approved in principle last week during a visit by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to a press conference to help remove "obstacles" in the way of the group's participation in the March elections. "We will participate in the coming elections provided the authorities publicly guarantee the safety of our activities and that of our followers before and after the (election) campaign," said Ibrahim Yazdi, the secretary general of the group, which is tolerated here. He demanded that people be allowed to "choose their candidates freely" to check growing apathy among the population in the country's political life. "Although participation in the elections would be difficult for us in the present state of affairs, the LMI has a right and national duty to take part," Mr. Yazdi said. He criticised extra powers granted by parliament to the Council of Guardians, a legislative body dominated by conservative clergymen, to screen candidates ahead of the elections, saying they were "unconstitutional."

Asked whether the deal could undermine South Africa's trade relations with the United States, however, she said: "Of course it's not a handicap. Never would I dare to presume to dictate to South Africa how they should make their decisions."

Accusing Tehran of sponsoring international terrorism and of trying to develop nuclear weapons, the United States has called for international support for a trade embargo against Iran.

Mr. Botha said he had not been formally approached by the United States to cancel the Iran deal, but said he was aware of pressure being exerted indirectly.

"The U.S. is concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons and we share that concern. The United States is concerned about the development of chemical weapons and weapons of mass destruction and we share that concern. The Un-

Algerian politician accuses GIA of Paris blasts

PARIS (Agencies) — The leader of a pro-democracy Algerian party said Sunday he believed that Thursday's bomb attack near the Arc de Triomphe was the work of the ultra-national Armed Islamic Group (GIA).

Said Saadi, leader of the Rally for Culture and Democracy (RCD), said: "There are reasons to suggest that the Armed Islamic Group carried out the last three attacks on French territory."

Thursday's bomb planted in a rubbish bin injured 17 people, mostly tourists, three of them seriously. The other attacks took place on July 25, when a powerful bomb exploded in a busy commuter train in the heart of Paris' Left Bank, killing seven and leaving more than 80 injured, and July 11, when an 85-year-old Algerian imam was gunned down in a Paris mosque.

In an interview with the Journal du Dimanche, Mr. Saadi said "recently, in Algeria, armed groups have used the same process of the gas cylinder in their attacks" as the two Paris subway attacks.

Reliable sources say both bombs used chlorate-based explosive packed into a camping-gas canister purchased in Belgium, and a battery-powered time delay fuse.

Mr. Saadi said a village in Kabylie, east of Algiers, was attacked several days ago and that "the only aim of the attackers was to take gas cylinders."

He told the newspaper that the GIA was carrying out attacks "to give the impression that it still exists politically, as it is in difficulty here (in Algeria)."

The shadow GIA is considered the most radical of the Muslim extremist groups fighting to topple the military-backed government in Algiers.

Christians, Muslims burn condoms

NAIROBI (AFP) — Christian and Muslim clergymen in Kenya set fire to sex education books, condoms and other contraceptives to demonstrate their opposition to government plans to introduce sex lessons in schools, local newspapers reported Sunday.

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Malaysian post card described as vulgar

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Indian women are reportedly angered by a Malaysian national day post card they consider vulgar because it shows a large span of an Indian woman's midriff. "This is definitely not the type of Indian culture that exists in Malaysia. It practically shows the woman semi-nude," said Vimla Nair, who heads the Malaysia Hindu Sangam women's wing. Hindu Sangam represents thousands of Hindus in Malaysia on religions, ethical and other matters, and is an official advisory group to the government. Ms. Nair was quoted in a report by the Sunday Star newspaper. Hindu women here normally wear a sari, a six-yard cloth that covers the body almost entirely. But the woman in the postcard painting is without a sari and is shown wearing only underclothes, Ms. Nair was quoted as saying. She added that to depict Indian women in such a fashion on a national day card sends the wrong message.

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China cleans up massage parlours

BEIJING (AFP) — Beijing police have launched a cleanup operation to shut down massage parlours and bars frequented by prostitutes ahead of the upcoming Fourth World Conference on Women. Some 50 women were arrested in a police sweep Friday on a single strip of hairdressing-massage outlets next to the five-star Kunlun Hotel, witnesses said Sunday.

"All the girls have been taken away, and the ones from outside Beijing have been forced to return to their hometowns," said the owner of a nearby store.

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